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**STATE LEGISLATIVE UPDATE**

**Pursuit of County Position on Legislation**

As part of the overall budget agreement for FY 2003-04, the Legislature adopted and the Governor signed **SB 1045 (Committee on Budget and Fiscal Review)**, which shifted \$135 million in redevelopment agency funds as part of the State budget agreement.

While the redevelopment funding transfer provides the State with short-term budget relief, upon further analysis by County Counsel and my office, certain provisions of SB 1045 will likely cause long-term fiscal exposure to the State and counties. Specifically, SB 1045 allows redevelopment agencies to extend their right to receive tax increments by one year without complying with any of the existing legal safeguards and requirements such as demonstration of blight, compliance with statutory mitigation payments to schools and local governments, and replenishment of low-income housing trust funds. Additionally, SB 1045 allows this to occur through a simple passage of an ordinance.

The overall effect of SB 1045 is that it is less a transfer and more like a loan from redevelopment agencies to the State to be repaid by state and local government at an amount greater than the transfer, in future years. Consistent with our State Legislative Agenda which opposes weakening of current redevelopment law and because this affects all counties, **we have requested CSAC to sponsor clean-up**

legislation that would limit the amount of taxes that a redevelopment agency, using the one-year extension, can receive in the extension year to its dollar contribution to the \$135 million shift, and require agencies to repay borrowed housing trust funds with interest.

#### **Status of County-Interest Legislation**

**County-opposed AB 185 (Horton)**, which prohibits the California Department of Food and Agriculture (CDFA) from entering into cooperative agreements with Los Angeles County, beginning in the 2003-04 fiscal year, unless at least 20 percent of the agricultural aides are permanent employees, was signed by the Governor on October 12, 2003.

**County-supported AB 231 (Steinberg and Lieber)**, which exempts one vehicle as a resource for Food Stamps and gives counties the flexibility to exempt a household from complying with face-to-face interview requirements for Food Stamps at application and recertification, was signed by the Governor on October 11, 2003.

**County-supported AB 408 (Steinberg)**, which seeks to ensure that no child be emancipated from the foster care system without a connection to a committed and caring adult, was signed by the Governor on October 12, 2003.

**County-supported AB 490 (Steinberg)**, which seeks to ensure all students in foster care have the opportunity to meet the same academic achievement standards as other students, and are placed in the least restrictive educational program with access to the same academic resources and services as other pupils, was signed by the Governor on October 12, 2003.

**County-supported AB 946 (Berg)**, which repeals the requirement that a city or county authorize its needle exchange program through a declaration of a local emergency and instead authorize clean needle and syringe exchange programs upon the action of a county board of supervisors and the local health officer or health commission, or upon the action of a city council, the mayor, and the local health officer, was vetoed by the Governor on October 11, 2003.

**County-opposed, unless amended, AB 1051 (Goldberg)**, which would have changed the way utilities charge users for capital improvements, was vetoed by the Governor on October 12, 2003.

**County-supported AB 1405 (Wolk and Harman)**, which encourages the California Environmental Protection Agency and the Resources Agency to provide assistance and grants to those who choose to participate in watershed enhancement and restoration, was signed by the Governor on October 8, 2003.

**County-opposed AB 1587 (Committee on Public Employees and Retirement)**, which prohibits 1937 Retirement Act Counties from adopting any retirement benefits changes that would not apply to all members, and modify the Meyers-Millias-Brown Act relating to the negotiation of retirement benefits, was signed by the Governor on October 12, 2003.

**County-supported AB 1676 (Dutra)**, which requires the blood of a pregnant woman that is currently drawn to test for blood type and hepatitis B, to also be tested for the Human Immuno-deficiency Virus, unless the woman refuses, was signed by the Governor on October 11, 2003.

**County-supported SB 24 (Figueroa)**, which creates two electronic enrollment processes, the Prenatal Gateway, and the Newborn Hospital Gateway, to simplify enrollment of prenatal women and newborn infants into the Medi-Cal Program, was signed by the Governor on October 12, 2003.

**County-opposed SB 125 (Chesbro)**, which would extend public safety workers' compensation benefits to county welfare fraud investigators, and to Los Angeles County coroners and deputy coroners, was vetoed by the Governor on October 12, 2003.

**County-opposed SB 130 (Chesbro)**, which declares legislative intent to achieve a reduction in the use of seclusion and behavioral restraints in mental health facilities, and requires the State to develop technical assistance and training programs to achieve this reduction, was signed by the Governor on October 11, 2003.

**County-opposed SB 278 (Ducheny)**, which would establish a medical parole system requiring the parole of prisoner to a medical facility, if they are physically and/or medically incapacitated by a condition that renders them permanently unable to move without assistance, was vetoed by the Governor on October 12, 2003.

**County-opposed SB 418 (Sher)**, which repeals and replaces the existing law regarding the process by which an agency obtains an agreement from the State Department of Fish and Game for the alteration of a streambed, was signed by the Governor on October 10, 2003.

**County-opposed SB 440 (Burton)**, which requires a unanimous vote of the governing body of an employer agency to reject the decision of an arbitration panel, convened in an impasse situation between representatives of firefighters or law enforcement officers, and their employers, was signed by the Governor on October 12, 2003.

**County-supported SB 469 (Scott)**, which permits a school district to use its instructional materials budget for visual and performing arts, foreign language, health, or

any other curricular area, if it has provided each pupil with the legally-required instructional materials in language arts, reading, math, science, history, and social science, was signed by the Governor on October 12, 2003.

**County-supported SB 892 (Murray)**, which requires every public and private school to have restroom facilities that are open during school hours, maintained and cleaned regularly, fully operational, and stocked with soap and paper supplies, was signed by the Governor on October 12, 2003.

We will continue to keep you advised.

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